

Yellow Highlights are additions from DCYF workgroup

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#### Definition

**CHILD CARE, FAMILY HOME.** A child care facility, licensed by Washington state, located in the dwelling of the person or persons under whose direct care and supervision the child is placed, for the care of sixteen (eighteen) or fewer children, including children who reside at the home.

#### Section R331—Family home child care.

**R331.1 Family home child care up to six children.** Family home childcare facilities containing up to six children shall comply with sections 331.1.1 through 331.1.4.

**331.1.1 Smoke Alarms and Heat Detectors** Smoke alarms and heat detectors in new and existing buildings shall be installed in accordance with IRC 314.

**331.1.1 Heat Detector** An additional Heat Detector shall be placed in the kitchen

**331.1.2 Carbon Monoxide Alarms** Carbon monoxide alarms in new and existing buildings shall be installed in accordance with IRC 315.

**331.1.3 Napping Rooms** Every sleeping or napping room in a family home child care shall have at least one operable window for emergency rescue.

**Exception:** Sleeping or napping rooms having doors leading to two separate means of egress, or a door leading directly to the exterior of the building.

**331.1.4 Hazard Separation** Rooms or spaces containing a commercial-type cooking kitchen, boiler, maintenance shop, janitor closet, laundry, woodworking shop, flammable or combustible storage, or painting operation shall be separated from the family home child care area by at least 1-hour fire-resistive construction.

**Exception:** A fire-resistive separation shall not be required where the food preparation kitchen contains only a domestic cooking range, and the preparation of food does not result in the production of smoke or grease laden vapors.

**R331.2 Family home child care from seven to twelve children.** In addition to the requirements of sections 331.1 Family Home Child Care uses having more than six and up to and including 12 twelve children shall comply with all of the requirements of section 331.2.

#### 331.2.1 Egress

**331.2.1.1 Number of Exits** For family home child care with more than six children, each floor level used for family child care purposes shall be served by two remote means of egress.

**331.2.1.2 Exterior exit doors** shall be operable from the inside without the use of keys or any special knowledge or effort.

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**Commented [CD(3):** After discussion within the technical advisory group, the current amendment does not apply to facilities containing up to six children.

**331.2.1.3 Basements located more than 4 feet below grade level** shall not be used for family home child care unless one of following conditions exist:

- 1 Stairways from the basement open directly to the exterior of the building without entering the first floor;
- 2 One of the two required means of egress discharges directly to the exterior from the basement level, and a self-closing door is installed at the top or bottom of the interior stair leading to the floor above;
- 3 One of the two required means of egress is an operable window or door, approved for emergency escape or rescue, that opens directly to a public street, public alley, yard or exit court; or
- 4 A residential sprinkler system is provided throughout the entire building in accordance with NFPA 13d.

**331.2.1.4 Floors located more than 4 feet above grade level** shall not be occupied by children in family home child care.

- Exceptions:**
- 1 Use of toilet facilities while under supervision of an adult staff person;
  - 2 Family home child care may be allowed on the second story if one of the following conditions exists:
    - 2.1 Stairways from the second story open directly to the exterior of the building without entering the first floor;
    - 2.2 One of the two required means of egress discharges directly to the exterior from the second story level, and a self-closing door is installed at the top or bottom of the interior stair leading to the floor below; or
    - 2.3 A residential sprinkler system is provided throughout the entire building in accordance with NFPA 13d.

**R331.3 Family home child care from thirteen to sixteen (eighteen) children.** In addition to the requirements of section 331.1 and 331.2 Family Home Child Care uses having more than twelve and up to and including sixteen children shall comply with all of the requirements of this section.

**331.3.1 Monitored Fire Alarm** A monitored NFPA 72 UL listed residential fire alarm shall be installed throughout the building in all Family Home Child Care uses having more than 12 children.

**331.3.2 Emergency Lighting** Emergency lighting shall be installed and located to illuminate the exits of child occupied spaces and egress routes. Luminaries must activate upon termination of building power supply.

**331.3.3 Sprinklers** A residential sprinkler system shall be provided throughout the entire building in accordance with NFPA 13d.

- Exceptions:**
1. An automatic sprinkler system is not required where Group I-4 day care facilities are at the level of exit discharge and where every room where care is provided has not fewer than one exterior exit door.
  2. In buildings where Group I-4 day care is provided on levels other than the level of exit discharge, an automatic sprinkler system in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1 shall be installed on the entire floor where care is provided, all floors between the level of care and the level of exit discharge, and all floors below the level of exit discharge other than areas classified as an open parking garage.

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